

School Starts on September 6

by Mary Loutsch

The first day of school is Wednesday, September 6 for all Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS).

Transition Day

Transition Day for all pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students will be Thursday, August 31. Transition Day for new students starting in sixth, seventh and ninth grade will be Tuesday, September 5. Transition Day prepares students for their new grade, advising them on what they can expect and helping them adjust to any changes. Students will learn about their new school and meet staff members.

Buses will pick up and drop off students at their regular times and bus stop locations. Parents with questions can contact their child's school or visit the individual school's website for more details.

Bus Stop Tips

Parents of registered students

should receive a letter that specifies the bus stop location, route number and pick-up and drop-off times. Parents can also search for their child's bus stop by their home address at pgcps.org/student-transportation.

School Meal Prices

School meal prices remain the same as last year: student breakfast, \$1.60; elementary lunch, \$2.75; secondary lunch, \$3.00. Forms to apply for reduced-price or free lunches are available at each school and will be sent home with students. Parents can also call 301-952-6517 or visit pgcps.org/foodandnutrition for more details.

Registration

Registration is ongoing at all local public schools. Registration packets can be picked up from the school offices during regular office hours. Required

See **SCHOOL**, page 8

Council Election is Coming: Time to Register to Vote is Now

by Kathleen Gallagher

Participating in the November 7 city council election – by running for office, signing a candidate's petition or voting – requires being registered with Prince George's County at a residence address that lies within the boundaries of the City of Greenbelt. At the 2015 election, the new residential streets at Greenbelt Station marked the first expansion in the city's address list for voting since 2001. Since then, many more potential voters have moved to Greenbelt West.

For those not already registered, the deadline for registering to vote in the November 7 election is Tuesday, October 10. This deadline also applies to making changes to one's name or address. Usually, the deadline is the fifth Monday before the election, but that day is Columbus Day and a holiday for county

offices this year. Registrations must be received by the Prince George's County Board of Elections no later than 4:30 p.m. at 1100 Mercantile Lane, Suite 115A, in Largo. Since glitches may occur at any level, would-be voters are advised not to wait until the last minute.

Verify Registration

Newly registered residents can call the County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 if they have not received a voter notification card within two weeks of registering. Alternatively, they or any others who wish to be sure they are properly registered can look up their registration on the website for the Maryland Board of Elections at elections.state.md.gov. From the home page, click on Voter Services under

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Labor Day Festival: Nonstop Fun, Friday through Monday



PHOTO COURTESY OF NAVY BAND SEA CHANTERS

The Navy Band Sea Chanters return to Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Thursday, August 31 at 7 p.m., to sound a festive note for Labor Day.

Celebrate Greenbelt and exit the summer with a bang at the Labor Day Festival from Friday, September 1 through Labor Day, September 4. Fun abounds for the young and the young-at-heart. Wander from art to thrill rides, rock-n-roll to used-book heaven, munching, dancing and cheering a galaxy of Greenbelt stars.

Friday

Warm up at the Table Tennis Tournament, visit the Community Center, see the Museum exhibit room and bring your entries for the art and photo shows. Then, from 6 to 10 p.m., plunge into the Carnival Midway. Fun, food and activity booths offer refreshment and a breather between exciting rides and games. Opening Ceremonies on the Festival Stage, starting at 6:30 p.m., will introduce and honor Greenbelt's 2017 Outstanding Citizen. To celebrate the new Greenbelt hero, a reception will follow in the Council Chamber in the Municipal Building. Then, back to the stage, where the Split 2nd band will bring classic rock and favorites from the 60s to the present from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday

Choose among an all-day, multi-venue slow-pitch tournament, a museum walking tour at 9 a.m., children's pet show from 9:30 to 10:30, drum circle at 11 and family cartoons from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Information Day in the Roosevelt Center will in-

troduce Greenbelt organizations to passers-by. At the art and photo shows, Greenbelt artists of all ages will impress viewers. Roller skating in the Youth Center Gym from 2 to 4 p.m. will add to the active fun of the midway line-up of rides, food and socializing. From 4 to 6 p.m., remember departed friends and family on the hillside behind the Mother and Child statue; a commemorative motorcycle ride at 4 p.m. will precede the memorial gathering. The music line-up will please music lovers from 1:30 to 11 p.m.: The Relics will bring back classics from the 60s and 70s, then Fast Eddie and the Slowpokes deliver blues, swing, Motown and more. The ever-soulful Patty Reese will sing her heart out, and then the killer horn section of the Nowhere Men will bring Motown fans to their feet with favorites from the 60s and 70s.

Sunday

In the "Tour de Greenbelt" self-sufficient cyclists will tour all sections of Greenbelt, from 9 to 10:45 a.m. From noon until 8 p.m., visit the Craft Fair in Roosevelt Center, where artists will display their creations. The Greenbelt Museum House will open from 1 to 5 p.m., hosting a Retro Town Fair on the lawn from 2 to 4 p.m. featuring flowers, vegetables, baked and canned goods and needlework (enter yours between 11 a.m. and noon to compete for a ribbon). Sports competitions will include Youth Table Tennis from noon to 2 p.m., Hot Shot Hoops from 2 to 4 p.m., Two Ball Tournament at 3:45 and the Larry Noel 15k Race and 3k Fun Run at 5 p.m. Cool down in the Old Greenbelt Theatre with family cartoons from 3 to 5 p.m. Music on the Festival Stage will start with the

Trio Anaya mariachi band from noon to 1:30, followed by blues, country and original numbers of Mary Shaver and Zachary Sweeney. The Rising Stars Performance Showcase from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. will give Greenbelt youngsters (up to 17) the stage to display singing, dancing and musical talent. To top off the evening, the Original Moonlighters will deliver dance music from R&B to jazz to swing.

Labor Day

Greenbelt Labor Day Parade will wend through town with bands, fire trucks and community organizations creatively displaying their talents and services. Then enjoy a summertime lunch with homemade baked treats at the Luncheon on the Lawn at the Greenbelt Community Church, at the corner of Crescent and Hillside Roads. Catch what you missed at the carnival or the Craft Fair or the Greenbelt Museum House, get your face painted, browse the used books and of course eat some more. The Youth Scavenger Hunt (for two person teams, 15 and under) offers trophies for best hunters. Cool off and rest up at the Old Greenbelt Theatre with a free classic movie: A Place in the Sun. The Festival Stage again offers all kinds of entertainment, starting with Cheer DC, whose varied, dynamic athletes support the LGBTQ community. Award presentations from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. recognize winners in the art and photo shows and the parade. Finally, Johnny Seaton, performing the music of Elvis Presley, will close the music program on a high note.

For the full schedule of Labor Day festivities, including shuttle bus information, check the insert in the center of last week's News Review.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Dancers perform at the Recreation Department Performance Camp. Left: Anna Coon and Naomi Matthews. Back row: Lottie Kusie and Missy McBride. Right: Hannah King and Ellie Finch.

What Goes On

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival

Friday - Monday

See you there!

Letters to the Editor

Citywide Candidates

As we approach Labor Day, I am reminded that shortly we will have elections for our city council. Hopefully, this year the one area of Greenbelt that can adopt the mantra of Washington, D.C. – Taxation Without Representation – will finally be heard. The Greenbelt Pledge claims to “foster a community which is fair for all people.” There has yet to be fair representation in relation to Greenbelt West.

So, if viable candidates emerge from that area, it is hoped that they will receive serious consideration and support. Since I moved here in 2008, no one from Greenbelt West has been on the city council. It is past time for all Greenbelt residents to be truly respected and represented in our city council.

Lois Rosado

Editor's Note: Go back enough years and you will find city councilmembers living in Greenbelt West.

Dog Park Concerns

The dog park on Hanover Parkway has been the main source of fun and freedom to many of our canine friends. I am known as Terrence's mom, and he and I have made many friends there.

Having said that, many members of the Greenbelt Dog Park Group have been trying to get anyone to listen to our concerns but we always get ignored. The dog park is in a very good location, lots of space and lots of parking, but it needs the following:

WATER. It is the only dog park I have ever been to that does not have access to water!

A fountain would be perfect for humans and dogs.

PERMIT. Why is it a one-time thing? I would prefer if the permit is renewed every year or two to ensure that the dog is up to date with shots.

PERMIT. Why don't we allow non-Greenbelt residents with a higher fee?

GATES. Need to be fixed. The divider that separates the two areas sometimes needs Arnold Schwarzenegger to close it!

MULCH. It gets pretty muddy if there isn't enough.

It is a very nice location and walking distance to most Greenbelt East Greenbelters. Please fix it.

Amina Khalifa

More on Peace Vigil

I was so pleased to see the article and photos in last week's News Review about the gathering for peace held Wednesday evening, August 9, on the lawn of the Community Church in response to the events in Charlottesville. Thanks to Pastor Glenyce Grindstaff for hosting the event and leading the program. I'd just like to add a few more details.

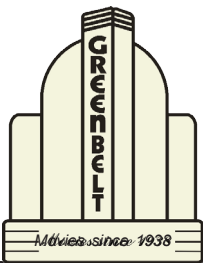
There were people from every denomination in the crowd that assembled. It was almost like a big family reunion, as they spread out blankets to sit on or unfolded beach chairs, greeting old friends. The opening hymn was Let There Be Peace on Earth. Song sheets had been provided, but even Pastor Grindstaff was surprised that almost everybody knew the tune and joined in the singing.

After her opening remarks, several other members of GILA

(Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association) gave short inspirational presentations, focusing on brotherhood and peace. The new rabbi of Mishkan Torah, Saul Oresky, was introduced and sang Oseh Shalom, a Hebrew hymn for peace, joined by many in the group.

The closing hymn, We Shall Overcome, almost brought tears to my eyes. I saw some lines of people join hands with others and sway to the rhythm. The last line had been changed to “Deep in my heart, I do believe, that we shall live in peace someday.” As I left the scene, I heard more than one person say, “This was so nice; we should do it more often.”

Kathleen McFarland



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SHOWTIMES
Sept 1st - Sept 7th

MENASHE
(2017) (PG) (82 mins)
(Yiddish Subtitled in English)
Fri. & Sat. 5:30 PM
Sun. 7:45 PM
Mon. - Thurs. 5:30 PM

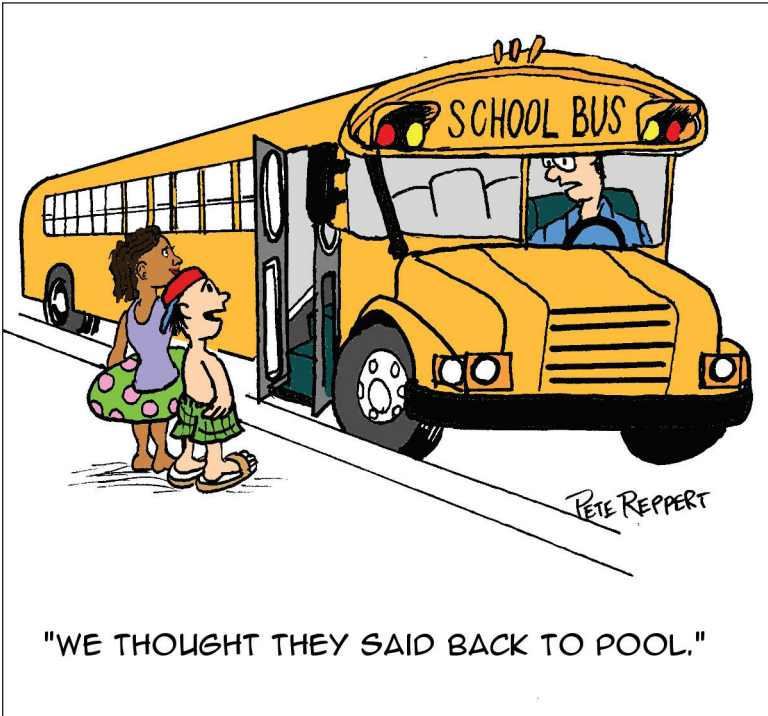
STEP
(2017) (PG) (83 mins)
Fri. 3:15, 7:45 PM
Sat. 11:00 AM, 7:45 PM
Sun. 1:00 PM (OC)
Mon. 3:15 PM
Tues. 7:45 PM
Wed. 3:15, 7:45 PM
Thurs. 7:45 PM

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FREE!
Sat. 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Sun 3:00 - 5:00 PM

UNDER THE YUM YUM TREE: JONES 50TH ANNIVERSARY - FREE!
(1963) (NR - adult content) (110 mins)
Sun. 5:00 PM

Monday Matinee: FREE!
A PLACE IN THE SUN
(1951) (NR) (122 mins)
Mon. 1:00 PM

Miyazaki Mondays:
PONYO
(2008) (G) (101 mins)
(Dubbed in English)
Mon. 8:00 PM



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A busy bee takes a snack at Schrom Hills Park.

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On Screen

Step On Up

Step is the heartstrings-plucking documentary of three gritty, talented high school senior girls trying to dance their way into college. Cori (valedictorian), Blessin and Tayla comprise the Lethal Ladies of Baltimore, an aggressive, exuberant, foot-stomping dance step team at the Baltimore Leadership School for Young Ladies.

Coming to the Old Greenbelt Theatre this Friday, September 1, directed by Amanda Lipitz, Step follows the ambitious trio as it copes with the challenges of schoolwork, college applications, financial aid forms and an upcoming step championship at Bowie State University.

Running Time: 1 hour, 23 minutes
Rating: PG

- Jim Link

Community Events

Model Volunteer Program at Theater

The Greenbelt Community Foundation has awarded a year-long grant to the Center for Dynamic Community Governance (CDCG) to work with the Old Greenbelt Theatre to build a model volunteer program. The theater is innovating in volunteer management, with insights to be shared with the whole community.

The ceremony launching this new initiative is open to the public. It will be held on Tuesday, September 12 at 5 p.m. in front of the theater (or inside, if rainy). Aileen Kroll and John Buck, from CDCG, will briefly describe the program and take questions. After the brief ceremony, they will meet informally to get feedback and suggestions.

There will be a no-cost raffle for a theater membership, poster of choice and coupons for popcorn. For more information, contact Aileen at aileen@dynamic-governance.org.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, Ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menu for the week of September 4 is as follows:

Monday, September 4: Labor Day – All sites closed.

Tuesday, September 5: Chicken thigh with Creole sauce, red kidney beans, collard greens, cornbread muffin, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Wednesday, September 6: Potato-crusted fish, garlic and red pepper penne, herbed green beans, wheat roll, diced peaches, orange juice.

Thursday, September 7: Turkey sausage patty, scrambled eggs, hot spiced apples, whole grain pancakes, syrup, fresh fruit, cranberry juice.

Friday, September 8: Pot roast with gravy, mashed spiced yams, mixed vegetables, rye bread, diced pears, cranberry juice.



Governance Meeting at Greenbriar Sept. 9

The Center for Dynamic Community Governance is hosting a free, fun and informative neighborly exchange at the Greenbriar Community Center Terrace Room on Saturday, September 9. The Introduction to Dynamic Community Governance class is from 1 to 2 p.m. Have fun learning about the basics of Dynamic Community Governance for Greenbelt.

The Community Peer Learning Circle will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. This is for those who've had Dynamic Community Governance training and want to improve their skills. To register email Aileen at aileen@dynamic-governance.org.

50% Renewable Energy by 2030?

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network meets Wednesday, September 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Center, Room 114.

The Chesapeake Climate Action Network, with the Maryland Climate Coalition, is embarking on a visionary new campaign to double Maryland's mandate for renewable electricity to 50 percent by 2030. The goal is to pass a bill that dramatically reduces climate change pollution in Maryland, while cleaning up our air, improving the health of our communities and creating well-paying new jobs.

The September 6 meeting will focus on the details of this Clean Energy Jobs campaign, which seeks to increase Maryland's Renewable Portfolio Standard, the state's requirement for utilities to garner their energy from renewable sources such as wind and solar. Learn more about the campaign and how to help at cleanenergyjobs.org or email Liz at liz@chesapeakeclimate.org.

As always, the last portion of the evening will feature announcements and updates on local and national issues. For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, lore@simplicity-matters.org or 301-345-2234.

2017 Miss Greenbelt Labor Day Schedule

The 63rd annual Miss Greenbelt Scholarship Pageant will be held this Labor Day weekend at the Greenbelt Fire Department located at 125 Crescent Road.

On Friday, September 1 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.), join the contestants for the always-popular Theme Night as they perform dance numbers to the soundtrack of Disney's Moana.

On Sunday, September 3 at 4:30 pm. (doors open at 4 p.m.), the evening will begin with the Prince and Princess Pageant and then onstage questions and crowning of the pageant winners.



Junior Miss, Little Miss and Miss Greenbelt winners 2016

PHOTO BY STARLIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Sunday, September 3, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Deaf Brunch. Deaf and hearing people socialize together using sign language. Interested in learning sign language? Newcomers welcome. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Jazz Brunch with the Peter Reppert Jazz Trio. 6 to 9 p.m., Basset Hound Boys, 50s rockabilly with Sun Records artists such as Elvis, Carl Perkins, Eddie Cochran, Gene Vincent and Roy Orbison.

Monday, September 4, 2 to 4 p.m., Charm City Labor Chorus. With a goal to raise awareness of the current and historic struggles for equality and justice, Charm City Labor Chorus sings songs that come out of the labor and civil rights movements and the struggles for peace, justice and equality.

Tuesday, September 5, 7 to 9 p.m., The New Old Jamboree hosted by Ruthie and the Wranglers. New songs, old songs and special guests.

Wednesday, September 6, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Frenchy and the Punk. Combining elements of cabaret, gypsy, Celtic and steampunk, this spirited flexitarian band arrived in Greenbelt by way of Paris and New York.

Thursday, September 7, noon to 2 p.m., Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft. 7 to 10 p.m., Songwriters' Association of Washington Open Mic with Paige Powell.

Friday, September 8, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Jazz and blues piano by John Guernsey. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., The Wharf Rats, an uplifting jam band playing originals, Grateful Dead and offshoots, and other rock classics at every show.

Saturday, September 9, 5 to 6 p.m., Bruce Kritt, classical guitar. 6:30 to 8 p.m., Jazz and blues piano by Guernsey. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Blues Sampler, a kickoff for the 15th Annual Greenbelt Blues Festival, which starts on Saturday, September 16. Highlighting Melvin Caldwell, the blues and its musical roots will be explored and experienced. Sponsored by FONDCA (Friends of the New Deal Café Arts), Beltway Plaza, Town Center Realty and the City of Greenbelt.

ERHS PTSA Meeting

Eleanor Roosevelt High School's first PTSA meeting will be Thursday, September 7 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

More Community Events
are located throughout
the paper.

Utopia Film Festival Presents
Sunday, Sept. 3rd, Wed., Sept. 6th, & Fri., Sept. 8th
Beginning at 8 PM

“Art Bastard,” “Death Is a Salesman,”
and “Giant Visions of Tiny Places”

On Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATe)
Comcast 77 & Verizon Fios 19 Channels

GIVES Meets Sept. 9

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold its quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 9 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center.

Those not familiar with this long-time Greenbelt group are welcome to come to a meeting to learn how residents work to continue the Greenbelt tradition of neighbor helping neighbor. The meeting will last only an hour and provide a chance to talk to people who drive others to appointments, perform in-home help and support one another in various ways. All Greenbelt residents are welcome to become members; there are no fees involved.

For further information, contact Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

At the Library

All Prince George's County Memorial Library System branches will be closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 4. The Greenbelt Branch Library will reopen on Tuesday, September 5 at 1 p.m.

Storytimes

Tuesday, September 5, ages 3 to 5, 7 p.m., limit 20 people. Wednesday, September 6, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 a.m., limit 20 people; ages 2 to 3, 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, September 7, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.



Voter Registration and Empowerment Rally

Voter registration will be held Saturday, September 2 from noon to 2 p.m. at Springhill Lake Elementary School as part of a Voter Empowerment Rally. The event will include speeches from city council candidate Ric Gordon, Mayor Emmett Jordan, Del. Alonzo Washington, Nick Charles, Brandon McGoogan and Konrad Herling.



Labor Day Tennis Social and Picnic

On Saturday, September 2 from 9 a.m. to noon, the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) will sponsor a tennis social at the Greenbriar Condominium tennis courts, 7600 Hanover Parkway. GTA will provide drinks, snacks and a cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs. Bring a potluck dish to share. This event is free for GTA members. To RSVP or for more information, send an email to rsvp_gta@outlook.com, call 301-715-3632 or visit greenbelt.com/tennis.

MakerSpace Does Labor Day Weekend

Before returning to school, check out what MakerSpace is doing this Labor Day Festival.

Friday, September 1: (inside) First Friday Game Night from 6 to 9 p.m., (outside) Stem Glow Activity from 7 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, September 2: Robotics Demo from 10 a.m. to noon, Fidget Spinners from noon to 4 p.m.

Sunday, September 3: Mini Golf from noon to 6 p.m., Parade Bling (help us decorate) from noon to 4 p.m. and DIY Yogurt from noon to 2 p.m.

Check the website make125.org to sign up for Robotics Teams.

Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The group offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. For more information call 240-542-8625.

Greenbelt Arts Center LAST CHANCE TO SEE

ARDEN NOW



a collaborative adaptation of As You Like It by William Shakespeare
Directed by Melissa Schick
A guest production from The Rude Mechanicals
September 1, 2 at 8PM **LAST CHANCE TO SEE!**
Ticket prices: \$22 General Admission, \$20 Students/Seniors/Military, \$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)
Note: Contains profanity and adult themes

COMING SOON

Midnight Cigarette – Sept 8 - 24 – Production from Wolf Pack Theater

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org or BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

In Memoriam

Robin Pray Bailey

by Rick Ransom

Lifetime Greenbelter Robin Pray Bailey, 55, died suddenly on August 17 in the hospital after a trip to the emergency room for chest pains. Robin was the daughter of Greenbelters Shirley Pray and the late Ed Pray. She is survived by her husband of 36 years and best friend of 40 years, Robert “Bobby” Bailey, their son Joseph Bailey (Heidi Hilt); their daughters Connie Leech (Michael Leech) and Cheri Bailey (Troy Talley); and their grandchildren, Christopher Bailey, Brandon Bailey, Nicole Leech, Matthew Bailey, Caitlin Leech and Karmin Talley. She also leaves two brothers Dan Pray (Charlene Pray) and Don Lajoie (Debra Purdy-Lajoie).

There is a Go-Fund-Me page set up to help the family with this sudden loss. It can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/in-memory-of-robin-bailey>

Robin attended Greenbelt North End Elementary, Mary Bethune Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She then worked for H.D. Properties for approximately 25 years as the right hand to the big boss, as they say. Her sister-in-law Karen said “she knew it all, she did it all and he did very little without her.” She grew up attending the Greenbelt Community Church. I met her when she was a child in Sunday School and I was an adult teacher. I found her to be smart, intuitive, somewhat shy, but even then, always willing to help. We became better friends when she grew to be an adult. She was my go-to Bailey family member for discerning the various relationships in that very large family.

Her brother Dan noted at Robin’s memorial service that she was the “coordinator” of the family. At various times when the extended Pray family would rent a summer beach house, she would assign rooms and designate areas for kids, TV, adults, etc. and would arrange the beach visits and outings. She and Bobby worked diligently to ensure that her dad was visited regularly when he was sick and that his memorial service and memorial articles were completed after his death. Earl Bailey, who gave the eulogy, stated that’s how close she and Bobby were; you couldn’t say one name without the other. He called them “a true duo in life.”



Robin Bailey

PHOTO BY COURTESY OF BAILEY FAMILY

Earl said all three of her children could be called a “momma’s child” because she tended to them all with equal love crafted to each one individually. He explained, however, that “if she gave you that look, you might be in trouble.” He referred to Robin as a master multi-tasker. He remarked that whether you had a tax problem or a computer problem or you were planning a vacation, a birthday party or a cook-out, she would say “How can I help, hon?” Earl also remembered how dedicated Robin was to her mother’s well-being after her father died. Robin’s sister-in-law Karen wondered who she would rely on now for advice and solace, because her mother, who died on July 4, and Robin were her “rocks.”

I will remember her kindness, her Cheshire-cat smile and her quick wit and ability to decide what was needed to be done at any given time and to put things in context. Earl recited a poem in summary that he composed from various references to other works and from his own design entitled “A Loving Angel.”



Domestic Violence Program Presented at Reel and Meal

by Jim Link

For almost 10 years the New Deal Café’s Reel and Meal program has been pleasing Greenbelt palates with vegan cuisine and stimulating minds with documentaries focused on social issues followed by discussion led by expert guest speakers.

The organizers of these events are the Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition, the Beaver Dam Watershed Watch and the Green Vegan Network.

The most recent offering, held Monday, August 21, was Peter Cohn’s 2010 documentary, Power and Control: Domestic Violence In America, presented by Lucy Duff, Donna Hoffmeister, Shirley Middleton and Bill Orleans of the PGC Peace & Justice Coalition. The presentation elicited plenty of spirited commentary.

The film depicted the travail and somber optimism of Kim Mosher, abused wife of Josh Mosher, who fled with her two daughters, Rebekah (4) and Dakota (8), to Safe Haven in Duluth, Minn., for two months, then moved on to public housing.

Safe Haven pioneered some very effective innovations; its Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, now known as the Duluth Model, was the first to coordinate the response of the police, courts and social services.

The film shows Kim’s fear and growing confidence at group treatment sessions as well as her husband’s initial bafflement and slow awakening. Ellen Pence and Michael Paymar, co-founders of Safe Haven, shed considerable light on the problem of domestic violence.

“Husbands use economic, sexual and emotional abuse to gain power and keep control. Husbands usually control the family finances,” Pence said. “We have to make the problem visible,” she added.

“Abused women often return to their abusers,” Paymar ex-

plained. “It often takes seven to 10 times for a woman to actually really leave her abuser. It’s easy to go back when the abuser is apologetic, promises to reform and controls the purse strings.”

Kim herself said that before leaving Josh, “I felt I was nothing and worthless. Anything I did or said was wrong.” Her friends criticized her for working at McDonald’s: “There was nothing else out there; well. It’s a job.” Friends would tell Kim, “it’s not that bad” to be slammed into kitchen cabinets. No wonder Kim experienced increased depression and thoughts of suicide.

Kim also explained that her dad beat her; therefore, Josh’s aggressions and control freakishness didn’t seem unusual to her.

Josh said that, “I grew up angry because my dad beat me. Violence at home (with Kim) was the only control I had.” A fellow abuser in Josh’s treatment group had the same violent home life. “I promised myself I wouldn’t be like that, but I turned out just like my dad.”

A melancholy fact is that every 18 seconds an American woman is abused in some form or other, Pence claims. She said that the sensational publicity attracted by celebrity abuse cases paradoxically heightens our awareness.

She mentioned Nicole Brown Simpson’s abuse by O.J. Simpson. I mentally noted the violence against Clare Booth Luce perpetrated by her first husband George Brokaw and Rihanna’s wretched treatment by her boyfriend Chris Brown.

Asked what advice she would give abused women watching the film, Kim sighed and said firmly, “You don’t have to take it. You really don’t.”

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Condolences to the family and friends of Robin Pray Bailey who died on August 17.

Please share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

Cookies at the Bridge Commences Soon

by Ellen Noll

The 2017-18 school year is almost upon us. “Well, I don’t have school-age kids so why should I care?” you say. We all know that these kids are our future. We need to provide them with the keys to success. One way you can help is by joining us at Cookies at the Bridge.

At 3:25 p.m. each day a group of Greenbelt volunteers meet at the Old Greenbelt side of the Spellman Overpass to hand out smiles, encouragement and sometimes cookies to weary students returning home from Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

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City Notes

Animal Control staff report that 20 cats and one dog were adopted, four bats and a snake were removed from residences, an injured raccoon was picked up and transported to the county shelter, an injured bird and squirrel were transported to a wildlife rehab, two stray dogs were reunited with their owners and one bite case was investigated.

Street Maintenance/Special Details crews removed unwanted signs, checked for graffiti and put up Labor Day banners and signs throughout the city. They also deposited gravel on the lake path at Buddy Attick Park and put out barrels for the Farmers Market and for Labor Day at Roosevelt Center.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability workers collected 31.51 tons of refuse and 12.53 tons of recyclable material.

A new exhibition is being installed this week at the Community Center Art Gallery – Superblocks: A Drawing Installation by Amanda Burnham, in celebration of Greenbelt’s 80th anniversary. This show is inspired by the city’s history and built environment, remaining on view through October 27.

12-step Overeaters Anonymous to Meet

Many people in Greenbelt struggle with food issues and how much to eat. Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a support group that meets at Greenbelt Baptist Church, 101 Greenhill Road, every Monday evening. Beginning September 11 there is a special newcomer orientation at 7 p.m. before the regular 7:30 p.m. meeting. For more information on the newcomer orientation, call 240-601-3128 or 240-305-3433.

Help Tell the Story Camp Fire History

Camp Fire Patuxent is looking for youth and adults who have been part of the program to describe their Camp Fire experience. Past participants in Camp Fire Girls, Teens in Action, Camp Fire Boys and Girls or Camp Fire INC are invited to create the Camp Fire history blog and share your story with today’s kids. Celebrate the accomplishments of Camp Fire youth at the Awards and Alumni Gathering on September 10. Share thoughts, ideas and stories and obtain more information about the Award Ceremony by contacting Camp Fire at info@campfirepatuxent.org



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City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4-8

Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: PSAC Brochure, Giveaways, Election.*

There are no City Council Meetings this week.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION
ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 7, 2017, from 6 a.m. until about 9 p.m. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 6 from 7:00 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of \$175, plus a training fee of \$25.

There may also be a need for additional clerks to assist in the counting of absentee and early voting ballots. This job would entail working for three to four hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 7. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for absentee and early voting ballot clerks is \$50. Bonita Anderson, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.
There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.

For information on how to apply contact 301-474-8000.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CITY
ELECTION OCTOBER 10, 2017

Greenbelt residents are reminded that to participate in the 2017 City Council election—whether as a voter, a candidate for City Council, or a signer of a petition for a candidate—you must be qualified to vote in Prince George’s County.

- To register, you must:
- Be a citizen of the United States of America
 - Be at least 16 years of age (you may register to vote at 16 but cannot vote until at least 18 years of age by the date of the election)
 - Be domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration
 - Not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction
 - Not be under guardianship for mental disability

VOTER REGISTRATION

For information about registering to vote in Prince George’s County, contact the County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 or www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1980/Voter-Registration. Forms for voter registration and address and name change are available at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. A link to Voter Registration forms is also available on the city website, www.greenbeltmd.gov/elections.

All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 10.

For additional information, contact Bonita Anderson, City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or banderson@greenbeltmd.gov.

If you are already registered to vote in Prince George’s County but have moved or changed your name since the last election, you must complete an application to have this information changed.
***This can also be done online at www.elections.state.md.us.*

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RETRO TOWN FAIR

Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017, 2-4pm
Museum House, 10B Crescent

Categories:
Flowers
Vegetables
Baked goods
Home canned goods
Needlework & Crafts

Retro Town Fair Registration Form

Please check off category(ies) you are entering—only one entry per person per category, please.

Flower and Vegetable Contest: Cut flower: <input type="checkbox"/> Floral arrangement <input type="checkbox"/> Root Crop <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit <input type="checkbox"/> Leafy Green <input type="checkbox"/> Baked Goods Contest: Please include an index card with ingredients with item Cake <input type="checkbox"/> Pie <input type="checkbox"/> Cookies <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Goods Contest: Preserves/Jams <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables <input type="checkbox"/> Pickles <input type="checkbox"/> Needlework Contest: Crochet <input type="checkbox"/> Knitting <input type="checkbox"/> Embroidery <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing <input type="checkbox"/>	Schedule PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION! Please drop off ALL entries between 11am-12pm at 10B Crescent Open to public for viewing from 2pm-4pm Please plan to pick up ALL items by 5pm Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____ Questions? Contact Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, 240-542-2066 or
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
City Offices will be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of Labor Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Week of September 4
Monday Route - Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route - Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route - Collected Thursday
Thursday Route - Collected Friday

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Greenbelt Itself Is the Focus Of New Work in Exhibition

by Nicole DeWald



Superblocks, by Amanda Burnham, features a floor-to-ceiling collage depicting features of Greenbelt's built environment.

In honor of Greenbelt's 80th Anniversary, the Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Program is presenting a special exhibition at the Community Center Art Gallery. SUPERBLOCKS: A Drawing Installation by Amanda Burnham, features an impressive floor-to-ceiling collage depicting features of Greenbelt's built environment.

Visitors may savor the pleasures of both familiarity and surprise, seeing iconic forms interwoven in a dynamic new composition. The drawings that comprise Burnham's piece are rendered starkly in black paint on white drawing paper, with lines in black tape extending further across the walls. This graphic style, a signature of Burnham's work, is a great match with the modernist geometries of historic Greenbelt. The city's east and west neighborhoods are referenced in the piece as well. Viewing the work feels like entering into an illustration. Selfies are encouraged; visitors are asked to please credit the artist and the gallery if they post any images online.

While the only figures depicted in Burnham's piece are statuary, a sense of human presence is strongly evoked. Buildings are depicted from the viewing angle of pedestrians. The dense composition conveys the bustling feel of daily life. Stacked architectural forms, roads and street signs are suggestive of the mental mapping one might do over morning coffee, envisioning the day's route. As visitors enter the exhibition, each person perhaps becomes the embodiment and signifier of the citizenry – We are the People.

Burnham has commented about her process: "I often piece fragments together in a cumulative manner not unlike the way the urban landscape is collectively authored over time." Greenbelt has certainly experienced this widespread phenomenon as dwellings and yards have been personalized and public spaces have been built or reprogrammed by successive generations of residents. However, the notion of "collective authorship" also has a deeper resonance with the Greenbelt experience, connecting with the city's legacy of community activism and cooperative ventures.

Amanda Burnham is an associate professor of art at Towson University, residing in Baltimore. Her work has been exhibited at several museums and contemporary art centers in the United



Artist Amanda Burnham creates a large-scale drawing of Greenbelt.

States and abroad. She is the recipient of numerous honors, including a Rubys grant from the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance and three individual artist grants from the Maryland State Arts Council.

The Community Center Art Gallery is open daily, free of charge, whenever the room is not reserved. Normal hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Labor Day weekend hours will vary. The SUPERBLOCKS exhibition will continue through October 27. For additional information call 301-397-2208.



Memories from Our Youth

by Sharon Taylor Allemann

Sharon Taylor Allemann is a Greenbelt pioneer currently living in Huntington Beach, Calif. Her family moved into Greenbelt in 1937 when she was a few months old. Allemann reminisces, "I have always thought that Greenbelt is a very special place. One day I was sitting and thought about how Greenbelt was when I was a youth. I wrote down some things about my life in Greenbelt. Greenbelt and I are now 80 years old."

Remember When:

Children would line up at the Greenbelt theater on Saturdays for the matinee? A youth would try to butt in line and a scuffle would start. A bit of pushing and shoving usually occurred, but wouldn't end until another situation came to fore. "Save my space in line" meant someone was off to the tobacco store to spend the nickel they had for candy (no candy or popcorn counter was available inside the theater). Most of us had a quarter. We paid 20 cents for the movie and had the nickel for the candy. When the doors finally opened we would all run into the theater to find our favorite seats. A short film without an ending was shown so we would come back next Saturday to see the ending and begin a new short film. Many times we watched a short war update and a young person walked up and down the movie aisle asking us to deposit money in the can for the war effort. At last the major film was up on the screen.

Remember When:

It was so important to get all our chores done on Saturday morning? We needed to finish in order to listen to Let's Pretend and Sergeant Preston on the radio before it was time to go off to the movies. Other favorite radio shows like The Lone Ranger, the Green Hornet and the Shadow were scheduled either on different days or at different times. We worked hard and quickly so we wouldn't miss either the radio or the movie. Timing was important to us. We had to judge how long it would take to get to the movie. I lived on Northway and that was the last street in the original Greenbelt so I considered I was



Swimmers play in the pool, which used to have a slide and a diving board.



The Mother and Child statue used to include a water fountain.

further away than all the other kids. I needed to do a good job on my chores so I could earn my movie money.

Remember When:

Children were ready to start their swim lessons at the pool each summer? The water seemed to be so cold! We shivered as we went through the various exercises the teachers put us through.

When our lips took on a blue color we were allowed to get out of the water and wrap ourselves in our towels. Those teachers sure did a good job. I even managed to become a swim teacher and lifeguard in my former years. Each year the children gave a swim show for all to see. One year my group wore plastic skirts

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Changes to Maryland School Calendar May Affect Families

by Jill Connor

The school year won't start until after Labor Day this year because of a mandate made last year by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan. Hogan mandated that all public schools will start after the Labor Day holiday, finish before June 15 and still have the requisite 180 instruction days. The scheduling of the calendar was left to the individual districts. Prince George's County applied for a waiver for an earlier start to the school year but it was denied in February. The 2017-2018 school calendar changed multiple full days off for professional development from the previous year's calendar into half days, and some were eliminated. Certain religious holidays, like Yom Kippur, are no longer days off and the winter break is a day shorter. These changes may seem small but may affect seniors' college visits, how parents schedule care for their children and vacations.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Principal Reginald McNeill said, "I am confident that our staff will work together to make sure there is limited impact on our students." Dr. Ann Swann, the assistant principal at Springhill Lake Elementary School, said

she was unable to comment until the school year began. Many administrators were too busy to give comment after numerous inquiries.

Greenbelt parents had a lot of opinions about the changes to the calendar. David Whiteman, a parent of two students in Prince George's County Schools, said, "Personally, I am not in favor of the change. It creates too much pressure to shorten the vacation periods, particularly if there are snow days. It also lengthens the time that kids are away from academics which results in less information retention over the long summer." That long breaks in education can affect a student's ability to retain certain material has been proven in a variety of studies but with mixed conclusions. Jacqueline Lilly, mother of two elementary school students concerned about summer learning loss, said, "I try to make sure my children are reading every day and that I expose them to a variety of experiences. Hopefully that will help." One thing the research does agree on is that there are greater declines with lower income students who may not have access to such experiences.

Many of the parents expressed

concerns on the impact this calendar will have on lower income families. Lilly also said, "Personally I am not a fan of the later start date. I am concerned about the financial burden it puts on families who must pay for child care during the summer months. I worry that it will result in children being left home alone for longer. Of course, then there are the many families that rely on school breakfast and lunch that go without it during the summer months."

Not all comments about the calendar changes were negative. Some parents enjoy the extra time for vacation, the ability to work a half day during professional development days instead of taking the whole day off and the consistency of fewer non-instructional days. When asked about the shortened break and half days Jae Spence Straughn, mother of two students, said, "The kids probably won't like it, but it is all relative." Straughn made a point about the county saving money by not paying to air condition hot classrooms in late summer.

Lucy Dirksen, mother of a seventh, ninth and twelfth grader, explained how her oldest can work longer at his summer job and his classmate could finish a summer college course because of the longer break. Dirksen, a teacher at a private school that does not follow the public school calendar, said, "Gives me time to be with my children between end of summer and start of the school year. I like the flexibility. The school calendar was like this when I was in school. It is familiar."



Greenbelt students leave Center School, which is now the Community Center.

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App for School Buses Has Limited Utility for Students

by Cameron Weekes

Blackboard, a major provider of education software, has released an app allowing students to view their bus schedules. The app, Bb District, is available for both Android and iOS devices. Bb District also offers access to grades, homework assignments, attendance and news updates tailored to individual schools.

Rebecca Gardner, a student at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS), tested the app for the News Review. Gardner, whose bus is constantly late, had high hopes for the app. Under the impression that the app would provide live updates on buses, she was disappointed to find only static schedules. In an official press release,

it is stated that Bb District will provide transportation updates. Perhaps live updates will be provided once school starts on September 6.

When testing the other functions offered by Bb District, Gardner was further unimpressed. Many teachers at GMS give out assignments using websites such as Edmodo or Google Classroom. Students can view their grades on SchoolMax and schools often post updates on their official websites. With most of Bb District's features available through websites that students are already familiar with, Gardner doubts the app will be of much use to her and other students.

PGCPS Rejects New Milestone Cell Towers

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) has terminated an agreement with Milestone Communications to place future cell phone towers on school system properties. Kevin M. Maxwell, PGCPS chief executive officer, announced on Tuesday, August 29 in a letter to parents that "We heard your concerns about the potential impact of cell phone towers on student health, questions about the site selection process, opportunities for community engagement and other issues. We believe this decision is in the best interest of our schools, students and families."

Milestone Communications currently has towers at seven schools in the PGCPS system and it will continue to maintain those towers, Maxwell said. However, Maxwell added, PGCPS has not made a decision regarding future agreements with telecommunications providers.



"I'm going to do super fun things on the playground!" Greenbelt resident Charles Foley is excited for many things as a new student at Holy Redeemer School in College Park. He is beginning his journey as a Pre-Kindergarten student. He joins his siblings Elizabeth, Jonathan and Colette at the school.

PHOTO BY BRIE HALL

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for registration is a copy of the child's immunization record, social security number, proof of residency and proof of age. For more information go to pgcps.org/backtoschool.

Schedules Online

Parents of registered children can access their child's schedule online through the SchoolMAX Family Portal on the PGCPS website. SchoolMAX is undergoing maintenance until September 5 but should be accessible by September 6.

Before and After Care

Registration for the Before and After School Extended Learning Program can be completed online at pgcps.org/beforeandafter-schoolhelp. The registration fee is \$25 and tuition for the program is \$100. The morning session is from 7 a.m. until school begins. The afternoon session begins

after school and runs until 6 p.m. Transportation is provided between schools for students enrolled in the program.

Parent-Teacher Organizations

Most of the local schools have parent-teacher organizations that are described in greater detail on their websites. Visit the school's website for more information on how to get involved and volunteer at your child's school.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, September 7, 2017

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

A. GHI Open Session – Begins at 7:30 p.m.

- Announcements of Informal Complaint Hearings Held on August 10 and August 24
- Approve Minutes of Special Open Meeting held on August 3, 2017
- Approve Minutes of Regular Open Meeting held on August 3, 2017
- Certification of Yardlines for Units at 35 Ridge Rd, 9-11 Hillside Rd and 7 Research Rd
- External Auditor's Responses to Questions from the Board of Directors
- External Auditor's Review of GHI's Procedures for Compliance with Investment Policy
- Review the Plumbing Compensation Task Force's Report
- Proposed Establishment of a Long-range Planning Committee

B. Board of Directors/ Finance Committee Work Session to Preliminarily Discuss the 2018 Budget – Begins at 8.30 p.m.

To request a sign language interpreter for a board meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery
August 19, 6 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. Four teenagers approached a man who was walking down the street, and one of them grabbed him and took his cell phone. All four then fled on foot.

DWI/DUI
August 21, 2:28 a.m., Greenbelt Road near Walker Drive. A 46-year-old resident was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol- and traffic-related offenses and then released on citations pending trial.

Assault
August 8, 5:45 a.m., 20 block Crescent Road. A man inside his apartment heard a knock at his door, looked through the viewfinder and saw a man in the hallway, possibly displaying a handgun. The resident yelled from behind the door, at which time the man who had been knocking at his door fled.

August 23, 12:52 a.m., 8100 block Greenbelt Station Parkway. A person threw rocks at a woman's car as she was driving down the road, damaging the windshield and the car's body. Police were contacted and upon arrival the person began throwing rocks at the marked police cruiser, damaging the hood. The rock-thrower, a 22-year-old resident, was detained and then transported to Washington Adventist Hospital for an emergency psychiatric evaluation. Other vehicles in the nearby parking area appeared to have similar damage. Charges are pending.

Controlled Substance
August 18, 9:46 a.m., 99 Centerway. A 32-year-old resident was arrested and charged with possession of controlled dangerous substances, possession of paraphernalia and reckless endangerment when officers responded to a report of a suspicious person at the rear of the Greenbelt Youth Center. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft
August 16, 6:28 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

August 18, 9 p.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive. A woman reported that on August 16 credit cards were taken from her purse at TGI Friday and were later used to make unauthorized purchases.

August 23, 11:31 a.m., Crescent Road near Gardenway. A woman reported that on July 21 she fell asleep on a Metro bus, at which time she believes someone rifled through her purse and took cash and a credit card. The reason for the delay in reporting this incident is unknown.

Burglary
August 21, 4:29 a.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A notebook-type computer and cash were taken after a break-in at Check Cash Depot.

Vehicle Crime
Five thefts and one attempted theft were reported. The attempted theft occurred in the 200 block Lakeside Drive, when a driver's door lock was punched out. Nothing was taken.

Four tires and rims were taken from each of two vehicles, one in the 8000 block Greenbelt Station Parkway and the other in the 6000 block Cherrywood Court. A front tag was taken in the 7600 block Hanover Parkway.

Two thefts occurred after windows were broken out to gain access. In the 6000 block Springhill Drive, power tools were taken after the driver's side window was broken out. In the 7800 block Mandan Road, a passport, debit card and cash were taken after a passenger side window was broken out. The debit card was later used to make unauthorized purchases.

Four acts of vandalism were reported. A passenger side window was broken out in the 7800 block Mandan Road. Three tires on one vehicle were slashed in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Paint on two vehicles was scratched in the 6200 block Breezewood Drive.

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the heading Hot Topics. While this information will confirm the details of the registration, users should be aware that the polling place listed for them on this site will be the one used for county, state and federal elections.

Eligibility to Register
Besides being a city resident at the time of registration, an individual wishing to register to vote must be a U.S. citizen and should have a birthdate no later than November 7, 1999. Although residents aged 16 or older may register, they must be 18 to vote. The city council discussed lowering the voting age to 16 for municipal elections this year, but a majority of council voted against it. It is expected that the matter will appear as an advisory question on the ballot this year, along with a possible bond issue question.

Individuals who have been found by a court to be incapable of voting by reason of mental disability are not eligible to register. No one can register who has been convicted of buying or selling votes. Persons may register who have been convicted of other felonies if they have completed their court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any required term of parole or probation.

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Registration Changes
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Party Affiliation
Greenbelt's city council elections are nonpartisan, which means there are no primary elections and no party designations or slates. In registering to vote, however, a resident has the option of registering with any of the state's recognized political parties for the purposes of voting in partisan primaries in presidential, state and county elections. Maryland will hold a primary election for its 2018 Gubernatorial Election on Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

For questions on voter registration for the city election, contact the County Board of Elections at 301-341-7300 or the Greenbelt city clerk's office at 301-474-8000. Additional information on the city election can be found on the city website at greenbeltnmd.gov.

Mayor and Herling Attend Purple Line Groundbreaker

by Jim Giese

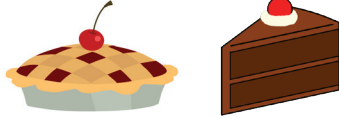
On Monday August 28, Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Konrad Herling attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the new light-rail Purple Line that will run between Bethesda and New Carrollton and connect with the Metro Green Line in College Park. U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao led the group of federal, state, county and local officials in turning over the first shovelfuls of dirt. Jordan said some 300 dignitaries were in attendance.

He noted that the University of Maryland would be a significant beneficiary of the new line and that four of the line's 15 stops will be on the campus. Students will be able to use the campus stops without paying. Jordan attended in his capacity as mayor and Herling as the city's representative to the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board. Actual construction was to begin on Tuesday in three locations along the route.



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Following the film, Katherine Jones and Kathy Gordon, two young actors, each gave a riveting performance. Jones delivered her own original searing monologue covering the gamut of excuses, rationalizations and eventual self-liberation of an abused woman. It was intense, intelligent, clinical, moving and even a tad joyous. Jones earned a BFA degree in 2014 and for her senior project she directed a play to raise awareness about sexual violence. Gordon burst upon us with a silent piece of energetic choreography. She danced, swirled and mimed like a possessed Marcel Marceau. Her persona, an abused woman, is fearful, vivid, expressive, intense and tender by turns. Gordon is “hit,” hurls herself to the ground, rises, flees, then “drowns,” gasps and swims to the surface and runs to freedom. Gordon is a dancer with her own dance company, K.G. Gordon, with a unique storytelling choreography.

The ensuing discussion was extremely lively. One woman blamed the ubiquity of TV, movie and video game violence for contributing mightily to domestic abuse. “Violence is simply laughed off,” she said. Another woman complained that in Sarasota, Fla., news reports used the tepid word “dispute” rather than the blunt and more accurate word “violence” to describe domestic . . . uh . . . “spats.”

A third woman praised Jones and Gordon and was optimistic that their young generation

would be more aware of warning signs and red flags than her own was. A fourth woman said, “We’re waiting too long to talk things over, to have serious discussions, maybe because women are supposed to put on a perfection front.”

Yet another woman said, “We need to learn to communicate, and communicate fairly; it’s OK to fight if we fight fair.” Still another woman said, “What’s missing is a village, a sense of intimacy; we are too isolated, have too few contacts.”

Genealogical Data: Learn What to Keep

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society will meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 7 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

This month, professional genealogist Chuck Mason will have the interesting topic, Eenie, Meanie, Miney, Moe, What to Save and What to Throw. This should be a timely topic for those who tend to collect too much genealogical data. The event is free and refreshments will be served.



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cut to resemble a Hawaiian grass skirt. We jumped and jumped and jumped and turned around and around so our skirts would float to the top of the water in the shallow area. I think one thing that drew us to the pool was the slide. Oh, how we loved to slide down into the water. A hose ran cold water on the slide surface to cool it off. Off we’d go down that slide to the water below – a great, wonderful, exciting activity.

Remember When:

Once upon a time there was a water fountain at the Mother and Child statue? As children, we enjoyed running to the statue for a cool drink and sometimes just to play a bit in the water on a hot day. Yes, some of us did give a try at climbing up on the statue, but no one could claim to be successful. When standing next to the statue we could look down at the big playground at the bottom of the hill to see if a swing was free or to see if any of our friends were there. We could see the swimming pool as well as Center School (now Community Center) and the stores around the open areas in the plaza with nice benches to rest on. The theater, dry cleaners and Co-op grocery were there as well as the drug store with a soda fountain counter and chairs. We loved to join our friends for a banana split, chocolate sundae or maybe just a Coke. The dime store sold the ever-needed mittens, school supplies, puzzles and other needed items for our homes. For a while there was a butcher store tucked into

the corner by the dime store and that’s where we turned in our jars of saved fats from our cooking.

Remember When:

The Drop-Inn was up and running? Teenagers enjoyed having that little wooden building where they could gather and socialize. There was enough room to dance to the tunes on the juke box. This was a place where boyfriends and girlfriends could meet. Hamburgers, Cokes and ice cream were always available. An adult was required to always be there when it was open. That along with the early closing time made parents feel good. Many teenagers of that time have fond memories of their evenings at the Drop-Inn.

Remember When:

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A Review

All the World’s a Stage
In Arden Forest and GAC

by Jim Link

For years, the Rude Mechanicals have been delighting (or annoying) Greenbelt audiences with their wildly imaginative, envelope-pushing re-workings of Shakespeare’s plays. We’ve seen a very carnal blind Lady Macbeth use her seductive magic to plunge her hubby into a bloody abyss of murder and ambition; we’ve seen a King Lear set in a biker bar and generously given a Mrs. Lear; we’ve even seen poor King John endure an ignominious death-by-flatulence.

But despite an occasional wince, even an aging curmudgeon like me appreciates the zest, intelligence and relevance the Rudes inject into all of their backhanded, loving homages to the Bard. Shakespeare’s mind and heart are so capacious and generous that his plays can take a licking and keep on ticking. They invite reinterpretation and the Rudes have joyously accepted that invitation.

Which brings me to their latest offering now at Greenbelt Arts Center, Arden Now, a hilariously clever tweaking of As You Like It. Its original gender-bending sexual edginess is farcically modernized to include monogamous, polyamorous, kinky and asexual platonic relationships, as Director Melissa Schick’s program notes tell us.

Yup, it is way hip indeed. Millennials and even jaded, semi-cynical curmudgeons can appreciate the generous inclusivity at the core of this hugely entertaining production. It is a fantasy about the very nature of human desire: its mercurial fluidity, its variable evanescence. In the Forest of Arden the sexiest organ of the human body is the brain.

A very truncated plot summary helps us understand the dizzying gender bending. The wicked Duke Frederick usurps the throne from his brother Duke senior, banishes him, Rosalind, Celia and Orlando from court life to the wild Forest of Arden where the women disguise themselves.

Rosalind, now Ganymede (Zeus’s homosexual, youthful cupbearer in Greek mythology), becomes smitten by the handsome, healthy, athletic, decent but rather slow-witted Orlando. Orlando reciprocally loves Rosalind and tacks wretched love poetry onto Arden’s trees for Rosalind’s delectation, so she (as Ganymede) offers to coach the woeful Orlando in the proper manner to woo the lovely Rosalind. Rosalind’s School for Lovers, so to speak, is witty, profound, joyous and effective. The comedy ends con-



Christine Smith plays Phebe and Holly Trout plays Rosalind, disguised as Ganymede, in the Rude Mechanicals’ take on As You Like It at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

ventionally and happily with their wedding and two others to boot.

Schick has eliminated several characters from the original AYLI; there is no Old Adam or Oliver, brother of Orlando, and she has replaced Shakespeare’s airs with modern songs. Solid and Strong by Kimya Dawson impressed even me.

Schick has also made all pronouns in the show gender neutral, thus avoiding rigid binary limitations. She and costumer Dragan Rose have adorned Arden’s rustics with racy anachronistic T-shirts. Schick herself presides over the nuptials as Hymen, God of Enthusiastic Consent, her chest emblazoned with a T-shirt shouting “Consent is Sexy!” To wrap up loose plot strings, Schick peels off her sexy T-shirt to reveal a “Deus Ex Machina” one underneath. Very tidy if obvious.

Corin (Christine Smith) the shepherd is now a pot farmer wearing a marijuana leaf on his T-shirt, hospitably sharing a joint. Shepherdess Phebe (Christine Smith again) is a dominatrix leading her true love Silvius (Eric Honour, also the assistant director) around by a chain and administering an occasional affectionate whipping.

The excellent original background music is supplied by musical director Diana Dzikiewicz (guitar, mandolin, ukulele) and Eric Honour (bongos, guitar).

Dzikiewicz also shines as the melancholy Jacques, whose “All the world’s a stage” set piece is brilliantly enhanced by Schick’s addition of background characters intoning the same speech in French, Spanish, Italian, Tamil and American Sign Language.

There’s a moment of deep irony when Phebe, in a moment of misguided whimsy, is smitten by Ganymede (actually Rosalind). “He” says it’s too soon to love and Phebe counters with “Who-

ever loved that loved not at first sight?” as Shakespeare quotes the line of his great rival poet, the murdered Christopher Marlowe, from Hero and Leander. Somber homage indeed.

The accomplished Jenn Robinson does a great job as Orlando; she’s a smart woman pretending to be a slow-witted man, no mean feat. She delivers Orlando’s line “I can no longer live by thinking,” beautifully as Orlando, tired of Ganymede’s coaching, yearns for the real Rosalind who has been right there all the time.

Sean Butler does double duty as both dukes. “Sweet are the uses of adversity,” he declares, turning his banishment into freedom. Lauren Breward is excellent as the jaundiced realist clown Touchstone, who deigns to be married with the other “country copulatives” at the denouement.

Lynda Clarkewallis is bright, lovely Celia/Aliena while John Clarkewallis convinces as Charles/Amiens. As the wrestler Charles he is defeated by Orlando Jenn Robinson beats John Clarkewallis....Zounds! A woman beats a man! That Schick chick is one slick director!

You can have your (wedding) cake and eat it too if you see this wonderful frolic on Friday or Saturday, September 1 or 2 at 8 p.m.



CHEARS Community Potluck
Held at Schrom Hills Park

by Cameron Weekes

On August 25, Greenbelt residents held a small potluck in Three Sisters Garden East at Schrom Hills Park. The event was organized by the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS). Bob and Maggie Cahalan, founders of CHEARS, held the potluck to bring community members together. The Cahalans believe that communities should come together and enjoy each other’s company from time to time. They believe this is especially true in

troubling times such as these. No strangers to small-turnout events, the Cahalans were pleased to see many new and familiar faces.

Katy Gaughan led a drum circle at the event. From prayer to stress reduction, Gaughan offers a variety of drum sessions with different purposes. The drum circle at the potluck was designed to be accessible to all attendees. The participants, a mixture of children and adults, enjoyed drumming under Gaughan’s tutelage.



Carolyn Davis, Lore Rosenthal and Joe Robbins enjoy the CHEARS potluck and drum circle on August 25.

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The sculpture in Schrom Hill’s Three Sister’s garden is surrounded by plants ready to be harvested.

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